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SUBJECT: F POLISARIO ANNOUNCEMENT IN LIBYAN PRESS

1. LIBYAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 10 CARRIED AN UNATTRIBUTED ITEM ANNOUNCING THAT 13 SPANISH CAPTIVES OF F POLISARIO (HERE CALLED THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SAQUIA AL-HAMRA AND WADI AL-DHAHAB) WERE RELEASED TO SPAIN THROUGH THE ALGERIAN RED CROSS ON SEPT 9. ITEM QUOTES AN F POLISARIO OFFICIAL AS SAYING: "WE ARE READY TO EXPAND RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AFTER ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE SPANISH PEOPLE, BUT WE ARE AGAINST OCCUPATION. WE DECIDED TO EXCHANGE (SIC) PRISONERS AFTER CONSULTATION WHICH THE ALGERIAN RED CROSS AND THE SPANISH SIDE, AFTER SPAIN TOOK A FIRM STAND TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION."

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER ASSURANCES MAY HAVE BEEN
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GIVEN TO PRIVATE, LIBYA HAS NEVER BACKED

MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO THE SPANISH SAHARA PUBLICLY.
KING HASSAN'S SUPPORT FOR THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI
INTERIM AGREEMENT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH
THE APPEARANCE NOW OF THIS PRO-F POLISARIO
AND ANTI-MOROCCAN ITEM.
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